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NATO PRESS SERVICE ISSUING MARCH 16, 1973, PRESS
RELEASE ON OTTAWA PLENARY WHICH INTER ALIA GIVES FIRST
PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF FACT THAT SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS
WILL ATTEND AND PRESIDE AT OPENING CEREMONY APRIL 10 TH.
THIS RELEASE CLEARED BY CANADIAN DELEGATION HERE, AND
DIFFERS FOR CANADIAN PRESS RELEASE ISSUED IN OTTAWA
LAST WEEK. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NATO RELEASE:

16 TH MARCH, 1973

CCMS PLENARY SESSION IN OTTAWA, 10 TH-11 TH APRIL

THE 8 TH PLENARY SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES
OF MODERN SOCIETY (CCMS) WILL TAKE PLACE IN OTTAWA ON 10 TH-
11 TH APRIL, 1973. THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATO, DR. JOSEPH
LUNS WILL, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE,
PRESIDE DURING THE PUBLIC SESSION AT THE OPENING OF THE CCMS
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PLENARY ON TUESDAY, 10 TH APRIL. OPENING SPEECHES WILL BE MADE
BY DR. LUNS, BY THE CANADIAN SECRETARY OF STATE FOR

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, THE HONOURABLE MITCHELL SHARP, AND THE CANADIAN MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT, THE HONOURABLE JACK DAVIS.

THE CCMS PLENARY SESSION IN OTTAWA IS THE FIRST TO BE HELD OUTSIDE NATO HEADQUARTERS SINCE THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN SOCIETY WAS ESTABLISHED IN DECEMBER 1969. THE COMMITTEE MEETS TWICE A YEAR. IT BRINGS TOGETHER A GROUP OF HIGH- LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES OF ENVIRONMENTAL ADMINISTRATIONS TO DISCUSS NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES, TO CONSIDER PROGRESS IN CURRENT CCMS PILOT STUDIES, SOME OF WHICH ARE NEARING COMPLETION, AND TO DECIDE UPON NEW PILOT STUDIES.

THESE SUBJECTS WILL BE TAKEN UP IN DETAIL BY THE CCMS IN ITS USUAL PLENARY SESSION BEGINNING ON THE AFTERNOON OF 10 TH APRIL UNDER ITS ACTING CHAIRMAN, PROFESSOR GUNNAR RANDERS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATO FOR SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS. PRESS BRIEFINGS WILL BE ARRANGED BOTH ON 10 TH AND 11 TH APRIL.

ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 12 TH AND 13 TH APRIL, THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE ARRANGED FOR THE COMMITTEE TO VISIT THE CANADA CENTRE FOR INLAND WATERS AT BURLINGTON, ONTARIO, AND TO TOUR THE GREAT LAKES' REGION. THIS ITINERARY IS SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO PERMIT EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVES TO BECOME MORE FAMILIAR WITH NORTH AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

EIGHT PILOT STUDIES ARE CURRENTLY UNDER WAY IN CCMS IN THE FOLLOWING FIELDS: AIR POLLUTION, COASTAL WATER POLLUTION, INLAND WATER POLLUTION, ROAD SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT AND REGIONAL PLANNING, ADVANCED HEALTH CARE, WASTE WATER TREATMENT AND URBAN TRANSPORTATION. A PROJECT HAS BEEN COMPLETED ON DISASTER ASSISTANCE WHICH DEALT MAINLY WITH PROBLEMS RELATED TO FLOODS AND EARTHQUAKES. RUMSFELD

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